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TOPIC Departure of Troops from the Kindl Maneuver Area near Eisenach

DATE OF CONTENT 7 to 11 October 1950

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1. Between 7 and 11 October 1950 troops from the Kindl maneuver area near Eisenach (L 51/II 76) were loaded on trains in Eisenach, Gotha and Sattelstedt. It appeared that most of the troops from the maneuver area were loaded at the Eisenach railroad station from where trains left at a rate of two or three per day. [redacted] the departure of troops started on 30 September 1950.

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3. On 8 October 1950 about 40 artillery pieces with motor vehicles were loaded on trains.

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Twenty-eight AT guns of about 50 mm caliber with motor vehicles [redacted] were also loaded. A 50-boxcar troop train left Eisenach on the same day. Each boxcar was occupied by about 50 soldiers. *

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5. A convoy which pulled up at the freight station on 10 October 1950 consisted of [redacted] motor vehicles which were loaded with signal equipment.

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6. Motor vehicles which arrived in Eisenach on 11 October 1950 were occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia

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7. On 8 October 1950 about 40 artillery pieces of approximately 100 mm caliber were observed at the Eisenach freight station. On 10 October 1950 thirty-six AT guns of 40 to 50 mm caliber with motor vehicles were seen at the freight station. SP guns and more motor vehicles were observed near the station. Twenty-four T-34 tanks, were observed on the same day.

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8. On 11 October 1950 four armored scout cars were seen at the Eisenach railroad station.

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9. A train standing in Gotha on 11 October 1950 was loaded with materiel, including four truck-mounted rocket launchers. The train was headed toward Eisenach.

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10. On 11 October 1950 sixteen 20-mm AA guns were loaded on a train in Sattelstedt. **

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* Comment. Probably a train with recruits from the U.S.S.R., which had first been directed to Eisenach but was redispached to another military post as a result of the departure of the troops from the Kindl maneuver area.

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** Comment. the 21st Gds Macz Div and the 57th Gds Ltz Rifle Div conducted their summer practices in the Kindl maneuver area.

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the first elements of the 21st Gds Macz Div arrived at the post on 11 October 1950.

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